

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this morning I am unveiling the new Senator Chambers. I am labeling myself an archconservative. A conservative is one who attempts to preserve or conserve those rights and privileges which belong to the people. A radical is one who would, in a very forceful and maybe, I hate to use the term radical, disruptive way change the system of rights which people possess. I think this is a very radical bill and I feel somewhat uncomfortable wearing the label of archconservative by opposing it, but because of what I am trying to support by opposing this bill, I will bear that uncomfortable label. This bill, as I read it, starting on page 2, indicates that whichever school district or regulatory body dealing with nonpublic schools may engage in this type of activity. So it means that not every school district is going to do this. So even though it is talking about a certain category of people applying for jobs, not all people in those categories will necessarily be subject to this bill. I'd like to ask Senator Dierks a question before I refine my remarks even further. Senator Dierks, is it a requirement if this bill is passed and a school district decides to get in this program to require every applicant, once the bill is in place, to have this criminal clearance, or does a school district designate certain individuals and may exclude others?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Dierks, would you respond please?

SENATOR DIERKS: If the school district adopts this policy, it is my understanding that the certified teachers would be required to have this check, new certified teachers, but it would be permissive for noncertified people, bus drivers and those type people.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would every individual who is going to be a new teacher have to submit to this?

SENATOR DIERKS: It is my understanding that the school district would do that if they adopted the policy, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, I think civil liberties are extremely valuable and they must be preserved. The time that those liberties must be protected is when the greatest attack is being launched against them. I can